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- (a) (1) In this subsection, "operating ratio" means the relationship of common carrier expenses to common carrier operating revenues.
- (2) In considering proper revenue under subsection (b)(3) of this section, the Commission shall determine a fair and equitable operating ratio.
- (b) In setting a just and reasonable rate for common carriers, and classifications, regulations, and practices relating to common carriers, the Commission shall consider, among other factors:
 - (1) the inherent advantages of transportation by common carriers;
- (2) the need, in the public interest, of adequate and efficient transportation services by common carriers at the lowest cost consistent with furnishing these services; and
- (3) the need of revenues sufficient to enable common carriers to provide these services under honest, economical, and efficient management.

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